Electronic Resources: What's New

For up to date information on databases, consult the Libraries' website at **http://library.concordia.ca.**

New Databases

CISTI Source (Canada Institute for Scientific & Technical Information)
CISTI Source contains the table of contents of 14,000 different journals from around the world from 1993 onward, ranging through the arts and the social sciences, with extensive coverage of science, technology and health sciences. Previously only available to faculty and graduate students in the sciences, engineering and psychology departments as part of Project DART, CISTI Source can now be searched by all Concordia students and faculty; ordering of articles directly from CISTI Source is still limited to DART users (see information on p. 4). Available in both libraries and from remote computers.

Biological Sciences Database
This database provides citations with abstracts to a wide range of research in biology. Biological Sciences Database consists of 23 subfiles, each of which can be searched independently. Examples of subfiles: *Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries (ASFA), Genetics Abstracts; Toxicology Abstracts, CSA Neurosciences Abstracts, Virology* and *AIDS Abstracts*. Available in both libraries and from remote computers.

International Medieval Bibliography
This database provides citations to articles from more than 4000 journals as well as documents from over 5000 miscellany volumes. It covers all aspects of medieval studies within the date range of 450 to 1500 for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Available in the Webster Library only.

International Political Science Abstracts
This database indexes periodicals published throughout the world and covers political science method and theory, political thinkers and ideas, governmental & administrative institutions, political process including public opinion, international relations and national and area studies. Available in both libraries and from remote computers.

Financial Post Corporate Profiler & Corporate Reports
The Profiler provides information on all Canadian publicly-traded companies. The Corporate Reports include Historical Reports (financials, business history, description of business, etc.) and Investor Reports for Canada's leading 500 publicly-traded companies; industry reports are also available for 23 industries. These databases can be accessed in both libraries and from remote computers.

Extended Access

Previously only available in the Libraries, these two databases can now be accessed from remote computers:

- **Applied Science & Technology Index (ASTI)**
- **Humanities Abstracts**

Electronic Journals

JSTOR
JSTOR provides electronic access to a collection of complete backfiles of scholarly journals, starting with the first issues, many of which date from the 1800s. While the content of JSTOR currently emphasizes the humanities and social sciences, other disciplines are represented. The most recent 2-5 years of currently available journals are excluded from JSTOR. Will be available in the fall in both libraries and from remote computers.

CineRoute: NFB Films

Thanks to CineRoute, Concordia students, faculty and staff now have direct access to a selection of 800 NFB films from within the University. Launched by the *National Film Board of Canada* in partnership with *RISQ* (Réseau interordinateurs scientifique québécois) and *Canarie* (Canada's advanced Internet development organization), CineRoute is a pilot project aimed at making films in the NFB collection available to Canadian colleges and universities over the Internet.

The films can be viewed full-screen at designated CineRoute stations on each campus:

Loyola: Vanier Library, Periodicals & Media Services area (848-7735)

SGW: IITS Learning Lab, H-525 (848-3437)

Useful Library Links for your Class Home Page

Whether your class home page is an interactive WebCT production, a simple set of links to useful material or a burgeoning work-in-progress, linking directly to certain library resources can bring added value to your site.
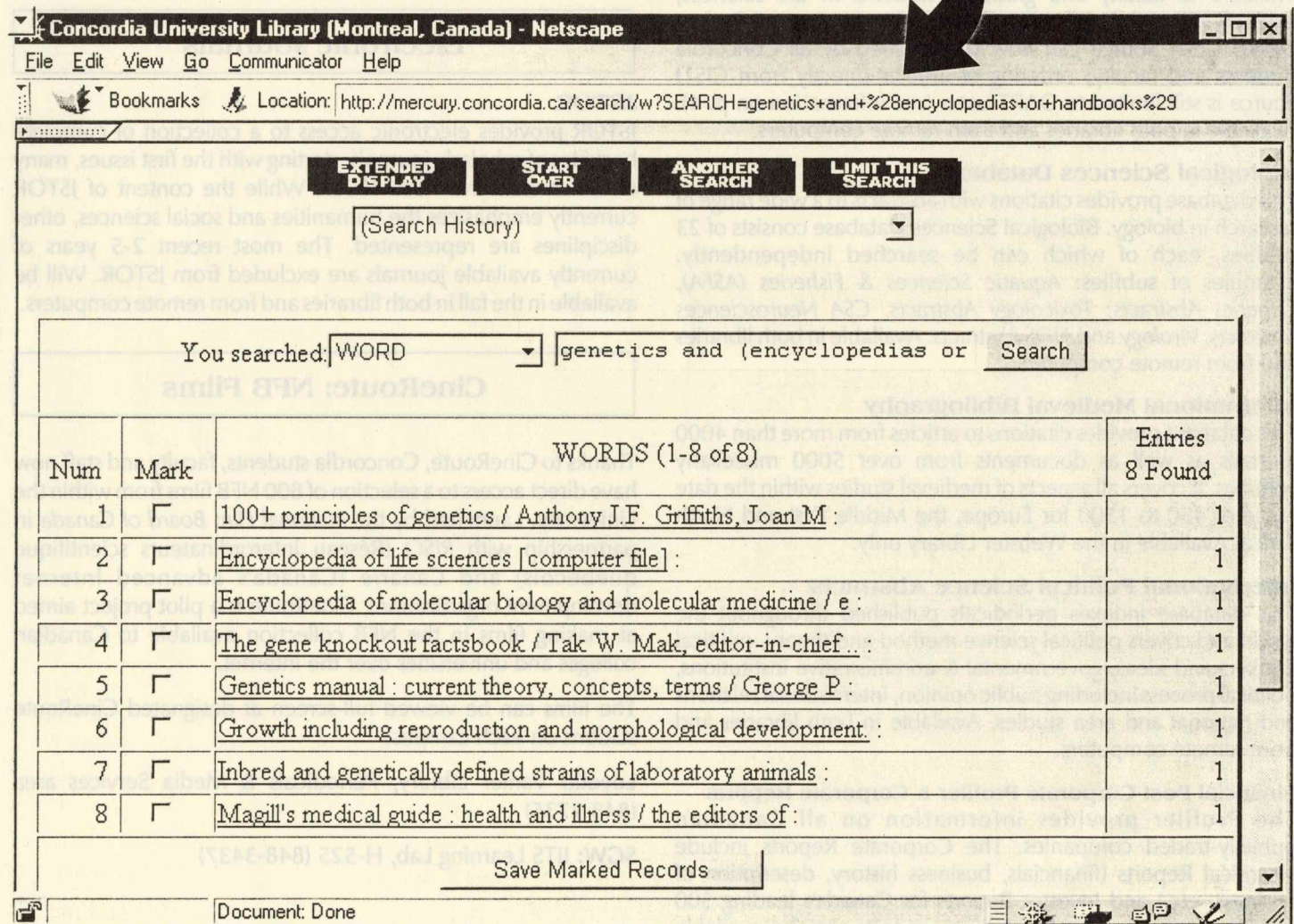
Linking to CLUES search results screens

AUTHOR searches

Rather than simply providing a link to our library catalogue on your class page, how about leading your students right into a 'live' list of books by a specific author? Here's how to do it: Connect to the CLUES catalogue at **http://mercury.concordia.ca/**, enter an *AUTHOR* search of your choice, and use the URL that appears at the top of the CLUES search results screen as a link on your page. For example, try an *AUTHOR* search on Margaret Atwood. Once you have entered the search, the URL **http://mercury.concordia.ca/search/a?SEARCH=atwood+margaret** will appear at the top of the search results screen. Including a link to this URL on your Web page will directly lead your students to a current list of books by this author at both Concordia Libraries. You can also rest assured that the link will not go out of date: if we add books by Atwood to our collection, the URL will stay the same, even as the list of references grows.

SUBJECT or WORD searches - saving a search strategy as a link

If you performed a CLUES search that was especially useful in retrieving material for a particular topic, you can share these results with your students by linking directly to your search strategy. The principle is the same as for an author search: Enter a *WORD* or *SUBJECT* search of your choice and copy the URL of your search results screen into your home page. Below is the results list of the word search: **genetics and (encyclopedias or handbooks)**. To link directly to this list of useful reference tools dealing with genetics, simply include the URL from the top of the screen as a link on your class page. The link will lead them right here.

Concordia University Library (Montreal, Canada) - Netscape

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Bookmarks   Location: http://mercury.concordia.ca/search/w?SEARCH=genetics+and+%28encyclopedias+or+handbooks%29

| EXTENDED DISPLAY | START OVER | ANOTHER SEARCH | LIMIT THIS SEARCH |

(Search History)

You searched: WORD ▼ | genetics and (encyclopedias or | Search

Num	Mark	WORDS (1-8 of 8)	Entries 8 Found
1	☐	100+ principles of genetics / Anthony J.F. Griffiths, Joan M :	1
2	☐	Encyclopedia of life sciences [computer file] :	1
3	☐	Encyclopedia of molecular biology and molecular medicine / e :	1
4	☐	The gene knockout factsbook / Tak W. Mak, editor-in-chief .. :	1
5	☐	Genetics manual : current theory, concepts, terms / George P :	1
6	☐	Growth including reproduction and morphological development. :	1
7	☐	Inbred and genetically defined strains of laboratory animals :	1
8	☐	Magill's medical guide : health and illness / the editors of :	1

Save Marked Records

Document: Done

CLUES Course Reserves

If you put material for your course on reserve in the library, a direct link on your class page to the appropriate CLUES reserves list can make it easier for your students to retrieve the material they need. Connect to CLUES, use the Course Reserves option and select either Course Reserves by Course Name or by Instructor. If you were teaching History 616, for example, you could select by Course Name and type in **hist 616.** The resulting screen will display the list of material on reserve for the course, as well as the URL you need for your page. Connect to **http://mercury.concordia.ca/search/r?SEARCH=hist+616** to see what we mean.

Linking to Resources on the Library Website

Direct links on your class page to specific resources and guides on the Concordia Libraries Web site could also prove useful for different purposes. These are a few possibilities:

- ### Workshops:
  The various hands-on **workshops** offered by the Libraries throughout most of the term can often help demystify important resources such as research databases and government information sources, especially for new students. You can link to our Workshop Schedule at: **http://library.concordia.ca/services/libinst.html#schedule**

- ### Citation & Style Guides:
  If your class page includes a course outline or term paper description that requires a specific **citation style** to be followed for the bibliography, why not link to our frequently-requested Citation & Style Guides page? **http://library.concordia.ca/services/citations.html**

- ### Periodical Indexes & Databases:
  Do your students ever simply surf the Web instead of using **academic periodical indexes** or **databases** when researching a term paper? Linking directly to an appropriate Database page or Database Subject List may help you lead them in the right direction. Go to **http://library.concordia.ca/collections/cdroms.html** and pick out your favorite subject category or individual title.

- ### Electronic Reference Service:
  Our new **Ask a Librarian** service is described elsewhere in this issue of BiblioFile. A link to this service, or to our contact list of **Subject Librarians,** could serve as a reminder for students that help with library research is always available, whether for general reference questions or more difficult subject-specific queries.
  Ask a Librarian: **http://library.concordia.ca/flexmail/eref.html**
  Subject Librarians: **http://library.concordia.ca/staff/staff.html**

The examples listed here represent only a sampling of the kinds of library links that might be included in your class home page. Additional possibilities will be listed in future issues of BiblioFile as appropriate. If you have any questions about the strategies and examples above, feel free to contact your Subject Librarian or e-mail the Web team at **libweb@alcor.concordia.ca**.

Library Workshops

Do your students have the information search skills they need?

If students in your class have to write term papers or work on projects that require the use of information sources, they will need to use the library. Will they have the necessary skills to construct a relevant search strategy using appropriate search tools and other information resources? Suggest that students attend general workshops offered by the Libraries or plan a course-specific workshop with your subject librarian.

General workshops

General workshops are **hands-on** and cover such topics as the library catalogue, databases, Internet, government information sources; they are offered by the Libraries during the fall and winter terms. Anyone can sign up for these workshops. The schedule is available in the libraries and from our website (**http://library.concordia.ca** under "Help & Instruction").

Course specific workshops

A course specific workshop is a workshop that has been developed to match the specific information and research needs of your students and your assignment. It is delivered by your subject librarian and given during class time or at another convenient time for all students. To organize such a workshop, contact your subject librarian. If you are not sure who your subject librarian is, consult the list available at **http://library.concordia.ca/staff/staff.html.**

Need more information on library workshops?
Contact your subject librarian or
the Library Instruction librarian, Diane Sauvé (tel.: 7685; sauved@alcor).

Project DART

A reminder to faculty members in the Sciences, Engineering & Computer Science, Psychology and Geography Departments: you and your graduate students are eligible to use the Libraries' document delivery service, called Project DART, to obtain journal articles free of charge from CISTI (Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information).

For more information on Project DART, including procedures on how to register, go to the "Services and collections" link on the Libraries' homepage **http://library.concordia.ca**

Ask a Librarian: A new reference service

Concordia Libraries recently introduced a new online service called Ask a Librarian, accessible from the library website (**http://library.concordia.ca/flexmail/eref.html**). By submitting questions on a simple form, Concordia students, faculty, and staff can ask for help doing library research and locating information sources. Ask a Librarian extends reference service beyond traditional in-person and telephone interactions.

This new service is intended to be consistent with the instructional approach that librarians employ every day at the library Reference Desk. Responses will typically steer people to relevant print and electronic resources, teach them how to use CLUES, answer brief factual questions, verify holdings, explain procedures, and orient them to the literature of a particular field of study. Concordia librarians are optimistic that such a service can help link patrons to appropriate resources.

What happened to the card catalogue...

Alert users may have noticed that the Webster Library no longer has a card catalogue in the Reference area. The catalogue was removed this summer as we made substantial progress on a major retrospective conversion project.

When we brought up the on-line catalogue (CLUES) in 1992, not all of the titles owned by the Libraries were included. The titles catalogued prior to 1974 (when the Libraries started using machine-readable records) were on the shelves, but could only be found by looking them up in the card catalogue or browsing in the Stacks. There were over 138,000 such titles, about 12 % of the total collection.

For the past several years we have been loading machine-readable records and applying barcodes to the matching books in the Stacks to permit easy circulation. As of this summer, nearly 75% (over 100,000) are now accessible as full records in CLUES and staff will review each record to make sure it is correct. The remaining 25% are represented in CLUES as very brief records and staff will continue to enhance them so as to provide full access to the records.

The Library is pleased that so much of the core older collection, particularly in the humanities, is finally available and searchable in CLUES.

Wireless iBooks at the Webster Library

Concordia Libraries and Instructional & Information Technology Services (IITS) are launching a new joint venture: the Wireless Internet iBook Pilot Project. This collaborative effort offers faculty, students and staff the opportunity to sign out wireless Macintosh iBooks for use on the third floor of the Webster Library.

The 6 laptop computers offer access to World Wide Web Library Databases and other Internet resources but do not currently include productivity software such as word processing and spreadsheet programs.

To take part in the project and sign out an iBook, go to the Periodicals & Media Services desk on the third floor of the Webster Library. To find out more go to **http://library.concordia.ca/ibooks.**

Email circulation notices: reminder

Did you know?

Professors and students who provide the Libraries with their email address will receive:

- Reminders just before their books are due so they can return or renew them in time;

- Notices when items they have put on hold or recalled are ready for pick up. Holds are typically put on items that are out to other users; books that have been loaned for longer than 14 days can be recalled before their due date if needed by other users.

Drop by the Circulation Desk or fill the online form at: **http://library.concordia.ca/flexmail/email.html**

Methods of payment for fines

Since August 1, 2000, library users may pay fines and other library debts at both Vanier and Webster Circulation Services desks by: Bank debit card (Interac, Cirrus, PLUS, etc.), credit card (VISA or MasterCard), Concordia University debit card (same card as the one used for photocopiers and printers), personal cheque or exact change.

Payments at the Periodicals & Media Services Desks must be made by Concordia University debit card, personal cheque, or exact change.